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MAYOR GREG BALLARD ANNOUNCES GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROJECT AT SEND NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

Gathering celebrated area housing initiative and partnership between the community and City government

INDIANAPOLIS – Yesterday evening, Mayor Greg Ballard announced the completion of a green infrastructure project that will bring Indianapolis one step closer to being one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest.

"This storm water project's sustainable design is another example of a creative, green solution in our City," said Mayor Ballard. "The installation of the rain garden and permeable pavement set this neighborhood apart from others. The neighborhood leaders worked closely with the City's Office of Sustainability to find a solution that would work for them. The RebuildIndy program will continue to build these partnerships with local leaders as we address the failing infrastructure around the City.

The project is located at the intersection of Alabama and Lincoln Streets on the near southeast side. The location was identified by the Office of Sustainability's Green Infrastructure Master Plan as ideal for sustainable approaches to storm water management.

This project was part of a larger neighborhood effort that involved rehabilitative work on five Alabama Street homes, installation of historic lighting, and replanting the esplanade. Jim Mulholland, of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association, said, "This project was an excellent example of the collaborative power of residents, non-profits, foundations, and the City of Indianapolis."

The design includes retrofits to existing stormwater inlets to incorporate native plantings and porous pavement materials, while providing community space for residents. A partnership effort between the City and the Southeast Neighborhood Development group (SEND), the project's design and construction utilized federal grant funding from the US EPA's Sustainable Skylines Grant.

Project partners include SEND, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), US Environmental Protection Agency, and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. The project was designed by Williams Creek Consulting and

constructed by Smock Fansler Construction. Volunteers from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. installed the rain garden plantings on September 4, 2010. LISC paid for the esplanade light fixture installation.

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's vision of making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit www.sustainindy.org. For additional information about infrastructure improvements coming to your neighborhood, visit www.indy.gov/RebuildIndy.

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